

# THE SWORD OF THE LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## Blessed Revival At Hammond, Ind.

BY THE EDITOR

The Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Hammond, Indiana, where the editor is preaching in revival services, is not a large church. Sunday afternoon it was packed to the doors with 486 people by count. Last night (Monday night) it looked as if twenty more people would have packed it as tightly. The pastor has already made arrangements to put loud speakers in the basement if needed, and he thinks the basement auditorium will be needed.

People are coming from far and near, from Chicago (thirty miles away), from Gary, from South Bend, from Cedar Lake, from Harvey, and elsewhere in Illinois and Indiana. Two couples drove seventy-five miles Sunday night to be in the services, and one of the men said to me after the service, "I have been reading your articles on the lodges. I am a thirty-second-degree Mason, and I wanted to ask you whether I should pay up my dues before getting out or just quit." Of course there are many Baptists among the visitors, and each night I suppose there are as many Baptists as Presbyterians. A real revival is on, and the Holy Spirit is stirring many hearts. It is blessed to see how God is working in the hearts of people even outside these services.

For example, last night a pastor's wife told me how many members from the church of which her husband is pastor attended our Sunday afternoon meeting when I preached on *Church Members That Make God Vomit*; or, *The Sin of Lukewarmness*. She said that in the evening meeting in their own church, testimonies broke out and there was such a moving of the Spirit, such praises and confessions, that her husband didn't get to preach at all! The people testified until it was time for the benediction.

Another man told me last night how that many members of his church, a Baptist church not far away, attended the Sunday afternoon meeting and how Sunday

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## Prayer Answered After 11½ Years

About 1927 the editor and Mrs. Rice were in a revival in a little country place in Palo Pinto County, Texas. The church had gone down to nothing, but we phoned out to the community and one church member and one lost man in the community agreed that we ought to have a revival and that they would help get a brush arbor ready. Boards were laid on chunks of wood for seats. A cottage organ was borrowed, and the sun was shut out by day by a shelter of brush and leaves. In the revival were some remarkable conversions. The little Baptist church was revived. On Friday the thirteenth day of the month I baptized thirteen of the new converts in the creek. On the way home to Fort Worth that day the Ford touring car had two blowouts and a broken rear axle. And finally while running on the rim that night, running slowly, and with dim magneto lights, we ran into the back end of a big watermelon truck parked without lights on the road. The repair of the car cost more than thirty dollars.

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## D. L. Moody Against Secret Orders

"I do not see how any Christian, most of all a Christian minister, can go into these secret lodges with unbelievers. They say they can have more influence for good, but I say they can have more influence for good by staying out of them, and then reprimanding their evil deeds. Abraham had more influence for good in Sodom than Lot had. If twenty-five Christians go into a secret lodge with fifty who are not Christians, the fifty can vote anything they please, and the twenty-five will be partakers of their sins. They are *unequally yoked together with unbelievers*. 'But,' says some one, 'what do you say about these secret temperance orders?' I say the same thing. Do not evil that good may come. You can never reform anything by unequally yoking yourself with ungodly men. True reformers separate themselves from the world. 'But,' you say, 'you had one of them in your church.' So I had, but when I found out what it was I cleaned it out like a cage of unclean birds. They drew in a lot of young men of the church in the name of temperance, and then they got up a dance and kept them out till after twelve at night. I was a partaker of their sins, because I let them get into the church; but they were cleaned out, and they never came back. This idea of promoting temperance by yoking one's self up in that way with ungodly men is abominable. The most abominable meeting I ever attend-

ed was a temperance meeting in England. It was full of secret societies, and there was no Christianity about it. I felt as though I had got into Sodom, and got out as soon as I could. A man rescued from intemperance by a society not working on gospel principles gets filled with pride and boasts about reforming himself. Such a man is harder to save than a drunkard. 'But, Mr. Moody,' some say, 'if you talk that way you will drive all the members of secret societies out of your meetings and out of your churches.' But what if I did? Better men will take their places. Give them the truth anyway, and if they would rather leave their churches than their lodges, the sooner they get out of the churches the better. I would rather have ten members who are separated from the world than a thousand such members. Come out from the lodge. Better one with God than a thousand without Him. We must walk with God, and if only one or two go with us, it is all right. Do not let down the standard to suit men who love their secret lodges or have some darling sin they will not give up."

*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*

*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.* — II Cor. 6:14, 15-17.

## YOUTH'S CORNER

Light From the Word of God on Young People's Problems  
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## Amusements Proper for Christians

A number of inquiries have come recently, one from a mother, one from a Sunday school teacher, I believe, and others from young people concerning what amusements are permitted for young Christians. There will be some differences of opinion, and circumstances alter cases, but where the Scripture gives a plain rule, it must be followed. Besides, a Christian must not go against his conscience, and sometimes the conscience of one Christian forbids what the conscience of another permits. We must also consider the conscience of others. We must not cause weak Christians to stumble, nor hinder our testimony to the unconverted by doing things which might be harmless in themselves, but might be misunderstood and bring reproach on the cause of Christ. Prayerfully, but hastily, I give the readers of *The Sword of the Lord* what I have written in answer to some of these inquiries.

There are some things definitely forbidden as far as entertainment for Christians is concerned. The dance is unquestionably harmful and wrong whether it is in a nice private home or in a night club or anywhere else, because the dance encourages familiarity and

petting and arouses lust. Christians certainly should not go into it. Anything that puts young people in each others' arms promiscuously and continuously is obviously hurtful.

The movies are not for Christians. There is so much of murder and crime and lust that I am thoroughly convinced Christians ought never to go to a commercial picture show. I do not think there is anything wrong in home-made pictures, nor in the specially made films of the Holy Land, mission fields, etc., but the pictures put out for profit by commercial picture houses are terrible affairs. If you doubt that, read my book, *What Is Wrong With the Movies?* It certainly proves the point.

I believe that any game which is regularly used for gambling is wrong. For instance, in our Sunday school at Dallas we have insisted that no one teach who plays bridge. People do not always gamble in all bridge games nor always play for prizes, but they usually do play for prizes or money and all who play bridge become familiar with the cards that are usually used for gambling. I do not want a set of the usual playing cards in my home; I do not want my children to play any game with them. The Bible commands, "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:22).

Again, Christians should not let anyone lead them into bad company where they will get accustomed to cursing or nudity, and such like. For instance, I think that ball games may be good under some circumstances. I played college football, and I greatly enjoyed watching basketball, though in recent years I have seen very little of either. But in some particular situations, attending basketball or football games would necessarily mean running with gamblers, and

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## "A Fire-From-Heaven Revival"

BY JOHN R. RICE

(Continued from last week. Stenographically reported sermon as preached in Maywood, California, October, 1939.)

"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions, if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

"Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

"Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under.

"And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

"And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

"And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered.

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"And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah

the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

"Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

"Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt-sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

"And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God" (I Kings 18:21-26; 36-39).

The prophets of Baal made an altar. They put their bullock on it and called on their god, but

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they got no answer. Here in this country the churches of Jesus Christ are often no better than the prophets of Baal, the preachers are no better, the Sunday schools are no better. We pray and nothing happens. We teach the Sunday school lesson and nothing happens. Christians all over the country sit down and return thanks at the table. You say something as a matter of form. To your own children you are a so-called Christian.

Some of you here don't even have thanks at the table. God have pity on you hog Christians who do not thank God for the food you have. Your children don't have confidence in your faith. "I wonder why," you say. Well, nothing ever happens so they can. The prophets of Baal prayed and prayed and prayed. And you here pray long and loud; more in public than in private. You are very eloquent in your praying. You are the kind that teach a Sunday school class. You are fine outwardly, but you are whitened sepulchres, full of dead men's bones, inside. Nothing happens when you pray. I hope you will apologize to God. You are a stench in the nostrils of the Holy God who answers prayer. I tell you now, brother, if you can't pray down fire from Heaven, you had as well take down your sign. Any Sunday school teacher that cannot get somebody saved ought to be fired. You are a hypocrite, a wolf in sheep's clothing. If you can't get sinners saved you are not fit to teach. Listen to me! Anybody who takes any active part in the church and can't win a soul, you ought to resign your position, or get on fire for God.

I was in the North Akron Bap. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

## Conversions Thru Booklets, Radio

Another Saved Through Booklet  
"What Must I Do To Be Saved"

Letters like the following make a preacher's heart happy.

"5200 S. Talman Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 9, 1940

Dear Brother Rice:

"On February 6th I was reading your pamphlet on how to be saved, and after finishing it, I accepted the Lord. It wasn't till the eve of February 8th that the Holy Spirit came into me. On that eve I confessed the Lord to my parents, brothers and sister and brother-in-law. I am writing to you on February 9th and I am anxiously waiting for Sunday so as to make a public confession in church. I will keep your pamphlet so I may help others with it to be saved.

"I am seventeen years old. I've been attending Marquette (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)

## YOUTH'S CORNER

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those who curse. In such situations I feel that any Christian, either young or old, ought to avoid them. Otherwise, clean, healthful sports, played cleanly, with proper clothes, in proper company, is permissible.

There are many things Christians can do. My children greatly enjoy music. They enjoy religious music and some classical music which is not bad. I insist that they are not to spend their time with jazzy music, with bad words and irreligious sentiments. But they listen to good music on the radio and they play the piano and violin and they sing. There is just as much good music as bad if you look for it. And many popular ballads are sweet and wholesome in sentiment. Music that is trashy and cheap does not make people happy.

Our children play games also, for we have a checker board, Carrom board and the little Chinese checkers game, etc. We play a number of them. Sometimes Mrs. Rice and I play with them and other young people, and I find no harm in them.

We also play tennis and I think it is fine when it is in good company and when people wear enough clothes. My girls never wear slacks nor shorts, and it is plainly forbidden in the Bible for women to wear that which pertains to a man (Deut. 22:5). I went to two football games last year, I believe, and I enjoyed them and my two high school girls went to some also, and I think there was not any harm in them. No drinking was allowed, behaviour was excellent, the play was clean, no one was hurt, and I saw no betting.

My girls and other Christian young people I know, like the Miracle Book Club. They have weekly meetings for fellowship and a study of the Bible. People come various churches. They also greatly enjoy singing gospel choruses.

As to the card games, I would say this. If the game is not usually associated with gambling or with bad company and if it does not give the appearance of endorsing evil, then I think moderate use of such games will be all right. There are plenty of games which are not encouraging to gambling and which will not be a stumbling block to young Christians.

I think there is no doubt that Christians have more to be happy about than anybody else. God wants us to be happy. It does not take anything wrong and sinful to keep us happy.

The Devil has tried to make people think you can't be happy unless they dance or go to the movies. Particularly he has made people think that young people need to do the things for happiness that older Christians do not. That is foolish. Young people are just folks. They ought to work like grown people. They ought to do right like grown people. Sin does not make a young person happy any more than it makes an old person happy.

Anything that is sinful and wrong for old people is sinful and wrong for young people. If it is wrong for a preacher and his wife to go to a night club and to dance it would be wrong also for young people.

Young people were happy before there was ever a moving picture show. They popped corn, they made candy, they had games, they took walks, they took pictures, they read. Those who attend picture shows are no happier than those who do not.

In my judgment the greatest happiness for young people will come not primarily from entertainment and play. They need entertainment and play and social life, of course, but the main happiness will come from work, from Christian fellowship, and from

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## "A Fire-From-Heaven Revival"

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tist Church in 1930. A certain group of women asked me one afternoon if I would come and talk with them, the Ladies Missionary Society, and I went. We had been having a good revival. About one hundred people were saved. To my surprise, the people came in cold weather, in deep snow, in zero weather or lower. I went there and they led me through the pantry, and my, my, there must have been \$15.00 worth of pretty food prepared by the Caterer. There were more Cadillacs and Packards parked in front of that church! I thought, "My, what in the world has happened?" They were members of that church but they had not been coming to the revival. There were about thirty women in that society. They were having a humdinger of a time, a fine program. "Madam President" had not been to the revival, but they asked the evangelist to speak to them.

I began, "How long has it been since you have had anybody saved in this meeting?"

They looked blank. I went around the line. I began at the other end from the president. I asked one woman, "When have you had anybody saved in this meeting, or through its work?"

She answered, "Well, I have been here one year and I haven't seen anybody saved."

"Well, I said to the next woman, 'Was there anybody saved last year?'"

She replied, "I have been here thirteen years and I have never seen anybody saved in this meeting."

And then I said, "Was there ever anybody saved in this meeting?"

And nobody knew of a soul that had been saved. I asked everybody before I came to madam president, and when I got to her she said, "Brother Rice, that is not what this meeting is for."

"Knock it in the head then," I said! "Kill it. Here I have been in this revival for three weeks, sweating blood, and we have had nearly one hundred souls saved and you have never been to a service!"

They were afraid we would get some people saved that were poor, and they would have to take care of them that winter if the tire factories closed down. They didn't want me to "fill the church up with that kind of trash." I had been hearing about that.

I said, "Why don't you good women get together and have a Bible class and let the pastor teach it. Away with this entertaining and foolishness, and start out to win somebody to Jesus Christ?"

One woman said, "I have been hungry for that."

I said, "It would be far better, don't you think, to get out here and get people saved, and see lives transformed than to be doing what you are doing? How many of you women want it?"

They discussed it.

One woman said, "I make a motion we disband and have a Bible class and let our pastor teach it, and try to win souls."

I believe all but three voted to

daily fellowship with God and the leadership and power of the Holy Spirit.

Christian homes should be opened to young people frequently for carefully supervised social life. They should have chaperons and be properly safeguarded. Older people should often have a good time with young people. It does not take looseness and licentiousness nor nudeness to make people happy.

Summing up, I suggest the following rules: (1) Young people should play games but only those that are not associated with gambling or bad company. (2) Young people should swim, but separately. (3) Young people should have social life properly chaperoned. (4) Young people should be taught that they are just people and should live up to the same rules of life as God has set for others. They should play the game but they should abide by the rules of decency and good taste.

And above all, remember that a Christian doing right is happier than people being on the Devil's side and doing wrong.

disband. They did. They planned to meet together the next Sunday morning in a big Bible class and start out to win souls.

I tell you now, no matter what you are, if you are not a soul winning Christian, you haven't got what it takes. If you can't get somebody saved, God isn't blessing you. You bob-haired women, you are like Samson with his hair cut off, and some of you have lost what Samson lost, too — your POWER. You are sold out to the world. Samson arose and shook himself, but Samson's power was gone. And a lot of you here have long hair outside but short hair inside! Like the little boy that was told to sit down and he didn't want to. Finally they made him sit down, and he said, "I am sitting down on the outside, but I am standing on the inside!" That is the way some of you are. You have got long hair outside and short hair inside, and you have sold out, you do not have the power and blessing of Almighty God. Today if you can go out and put your hand on somebody's shoulder and win them to Jesus Christ, your joy will come back again. You are too busy. You have a good job. You have to keep up with the Joneses or the group that you belong to. You are tied in with the devil's crowd. You have lost your joy and your power and your testimony. There is no miracle in your life. God won't bless you. You are like Obadiah. The people said, "We want some evidence," and when they got it, they turned to God. Brother, we can have a revival if some of us Christians get to where God can hear us pray. If we should get the joy of the Lord, the power of the Lord, a manifestation of the Spirit of God upon us, it would happen before tomorrow night!

Well, there is more here: Elijah's prayer. First of all, notice the restored altar. Elijah said, "Bring me these stones, twelve of them (representing the twelve tribes) and we will restore the altar."

That is what Jacob had to do.

Jacob wandered far away from the blessing he got at Bethel. You remember how one night he ran away from home and came to a certain place called Luz, and later called Bethel. There on a stone he laid his weary head, hiding from his brother who had threatened to kill him. He went to sleep. The angels came and ascended and descended before him on the ladder to Heaven. And when Jacob awoke, he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not."

God in a vision said to Jacob, "I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac. I will surely give you all the promised land," and then Jacob said, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God; and this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee" (Gen. the 28th chapter). But Jacob went out in a far country and drifted away, his family took idols and worshipped them. Reuben went up to his father's bed, two of the boys, Levi and Simeon, married sons, killed all the men of Shechem, after Dinah, Jacob's only daughter, played the harlot. Poor old Jacob, with a broken heart, met God and God said to him, "Get up, Jacob, and go back to Bethel! Wash yourself, put on clean clothes, put aside your idols, we are going to Bethel and meet God." So they went back to Bethel, the place of prayer. He went back there and met God. Don't you want to come and meet Him? Many a one has met God when the altar was restored!

Elijah said, "Build the altar again." And, my friends, if I were you, I would go back and build the altar again. Do you remember the time when you had a real meeting with God? Wasn't the place sweet when you met God at first? Early in the morning take time to pray, seek God, study His Word, and He will give you victory and peace.

Last night I had bad news by wire from home, so naturally I was burdened. I have been gone so much. My brother who was my assistant has gone now to Moody,

and we do not now have an assistant pastor. They are right in the middle of the building program. There are so many reasons that I ought to stay at home, it seems. Last night as I lay on my pillow, God spoke to my heart, and then after a while in the wee, small hours, I took it to God and left it at His feet and went to sleep and rested in Him. I tell you, back there early in the morning watch — let us go back to it again. There was a time when you got the whole family together and read the Bible around the table. Brother, let's come back to that.

Now another thing, and notice this. Elijah said, "Put wood on it and put the bullock on it, but put no fire on it! If God answers, well and good. If He doesn't, I will not ask you to serve him."

In a revival meeting in Oklahoma City I preached for two weeks. I preached in a tent, and I sweated and wept and prayed and God seemed not to answer. The people came, crowds of them, and a few had been saved, but a big breaking out hadn't come. I preached on the subject I am preaching on tonight. I said that night, "We will put no human fire on this altar. If God doesn't come to move and bless, we will go home without it. I promise you now and I promise God, I will never give another invitation in this revival unless God begins to work without an invitation. I have pled and tried to get people to move, but I am not going to do it any more. God is going to move or the thing will go down in defeat." I preached that night and poured out my heart, and when we came to the close, I said, "The thing is done. If anybody wants to be saved, you can be. We are not going to stand and sing. If anybody wants to be saved, you can stand to your feet.

One man stood and said, "Brother Rice, I am in torment. I must have this thing settled." I told him to come on down to the front. He trusted Christ. In a little bit a woman came holding up two fingers like this. I didn't know what she meant. They were stained with yellow.

"Twenty-two years," she said. "Will the Lord save a woman like me?" She meant that for that long she had used cigarettes. (I will tell you now, it is as bad for a man to use them as it is for a woman, whether you count it or not, and it is a sin for either. In my church, and down there it is harder to set a standard — in my church no Sunday school teacher teaches a class that goes to moving picture shows or smokes cigarettes or attends bridge games.

Somebody says, "You are a fanatic." All right, but if you are not going to mean business for God, you had as well get out of the pulpit. I gave up a good work. The man who was under me is now president of the college where I taught. There are lots of things I can do. If I didn't mean business for God I would get out. Don't be a hypocrite. These "milk-and-cider" kind of Christians! I would get in or out, mean business, and if you don't you are a lying hypocrite and a stench in the nos-

trials of God! Get in or get out! Be for God or for Satan!

Then another, a society girl, came, one from a well-to-do family. She came down the aisle weeping, without any invitation. I wasn't begging anybody to come. This is what she said, as she covered her face with her hands, "I have been thinking, what will mother think? She had such ambitions for me in society; what will mother think? Oh, Lord, what does it matter what she thinks?" Then she said, "What will Dad think? He has been holding back, but what does it matter what he thinks? All my friends that I have been going out with — what will they think? What does it matter what they think, just so my soul is saved!"

I tell you, by this time the crowd was pretty well broken up.

"I will give an invitation now," I said.

I tell you, preachers just as well put it up to God and let Him take a hand in this matter. I believe in a God that answers by fire. May God give it! I am not against human methods, consecrated methods, but I am against depending on them instead of fire from Heaven, the power of God!

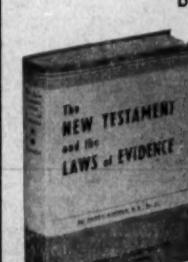
I left the University of Chicago where I was doing graduate work and came back to Texas and went into little country revivals. God spoke to my heart in Pacific Garden Mission and told me to preach. I said, "Lord, if You will save souls, I'll preach. If you don't I can't preach!" You can't be a whipped and defeated preacher. The Lord will bless and souls will be saved if you go. Blessed be God, He has been saving souls everywhere I go.

I remember in one revival meeting, I went with a Brother Ross. We went into Corinth community near Decatur, Texas, where they had no pastor and had not had one for a year. They had starved the previous one out. There were only two deacons in this church and one wouldn't come to the revival.

I sang and did personal work. Brother Ross did the preaching and I sang and did personal work. Brother Ross preached on Sunday and nothing happened. He preached on Monday morning and Tuesday night, Wednesday morning and Wednesday night, and on through Friday, with not a soul saved. We did not plan to run but ten days. I was discouraged, and as we went down into a ravine Saturday morning to pray, I said to Brother Ross, "This has gone far enough. The Lord didn't call me for this kind of a business. I want to see something happen or I want to go home." So I talked with Brother Ross and he thought so too. So we agreed to call a day of fasting and prayer. We said, "Let's give God one more chance." We announced that on Sunday we would have a day of fasting and prayer. To make a long story short, I didn't have any breakfast. I was burdened. I went before Sunday school to prayer meeting, stayed for Sunday school and preaching, and then we said, "If anybody wants to, you may stay here and pray. Only five people stayed; one

## The New Testament and the Laws of Evidence

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of them was the deacon and an old preacher and his wife from another town, Brother Ross and I. We confessed our sins, read the Bible, prayed, and waited on God until three o'clock in the afternoon. Then others came in to hear an afternoon sermon. We prayed more, and I said, "Before we go we ought to claim some promises and say what we want to expect tonight. What do you want tonight?" Few had anything to say. At last one said, "I would like to see one soul saved but I don't know whether there will be or not."

I asked others, but no one expected a thing. At last the dear preacher visiting from another community spoke. He said, "You young preachers ought to know that there is not going to be anybody saved. That deacon is mad at the other deacon, and they have starved out one preacher, and God is not going to bless people like that."

Then I said to Brother Ross, "Let's you and I get out by ourselves and claim some promises and shake hands on it expecting salvation of sinners in the service tonight."

Brother Ross said, "Why get by ourselves? Why not do it right here? What do you want God to do tonight?"

I said, "I want to see that many souls saved (holding up ten fingers), tonight."

Brother Ross said, "Do you believe it?"

I said, "Well, er . . . well, I want to believe it. (My, I was scared!) I will believe it if you will!" The dear man agreed.

We shook hands right there, and he said, "There will be at least ten people saved in this church tonight."

The old preacher got up and said, "Listen here, you boys, you are young and you are making a mistake. There will not be ten people saved tonight and the people will believe that God doesn't answer prayer."

I said, "But God does answer prayer, and we are going to see at least ten people saved tonight."

One man got his hat and started out the door and said, "If God saves ten people here tonight, I will never do another wrong thing as long as I live!"

The people thought, "Well, we had better go home and feed the chickens and get the cows in a little early. You never can tell what will happen. I want to see what will happen." Everybody hurried off home to do the chores and get back.

I hadn't had any breakfast, and I had stayed there all day and had not had any dinner, and I tell you frankly, I was too scared to eat any supper. I went out to the ravine and said, "Lord, it is up to

You. If You don't answer in this matter, I am ruined."

And, my friends, nobody can have a revival unless God takes a hand in it. It is all foolishness trying to save people unless power from Heaven comes. So I said, "Lord, it is your revival, not mine. I didn't save myself. I didn't call myself to preach, I didn't bring myself here. I didn't start this business. Lord, help us tonight."

I said to Brother Ross, "I am going to do everything I know to do. Everybody that comes to this place, I will talk to them. I will do all I can, then God must save."

He agreed.

In a little while here came a wagon with a woman and a twelve year old boy. I talked to the boy and others. When we gathered, we sang two or three songs and the preacher preached, not very long, but red hot, with earnestness. And I remember we sang as an invitation song, "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling Thee Home." Sitting in the choir was an old drinking, gambling sinner — how many souls he was leading into ruin! His name was Jernigan. I turned to him and said, "Aren't you tired of this life?"

He held on to the bench, and I said, "Why don't you turn to God tonight?"

And he did come, out of the choir, to the preacher and the front seat: The whole crowd was moved.

I remember a little woman, a fat woman, Mrs. Walker. She had been grieving because her boy was following in the footsteps of this drunkard Jernigan. About the time this fellow came this woman jumped and shouted, "My boy, my boy." I turned around and saw her boy climbing over the benches, coming down to the front!

And that man who got his hat that afternoon and said, "If God saves ten people tonight, I am not going to do another wrong thing as long as I live," he went out the door on the outside of the church, after his grown sons. Every window was a frame of faces. He grabbed one of his boys by the wrist like a child and brought him in the building and down to the front and said, "Get down on your knees!" and he called for me. I got down beside him, urged him to trust Christ, and prayed, and he was saved. We got up. This father wiped his eyes and started elbowing his way back to the back of the church. He had another boy, and he brought him in, leading him like a child. He said, "Get down on your knees!" and he was saved.

There was a boy back at the back I wanted to talk to but the isles were so crowded with people I had to walk on the backs of the benches to get back to him. After a while — it was in a little country place, and we were using kerosene lamps — one of the lamps

flickered and went out. Then one back yonder flickered and went out. Finally, about 11:00 o'clock the last one went out and nobody had noticed that others had gone out until we were left in darkness. Somebody went across the road and got more kerosene and filled up one of the lamps and we went on and people were saved. If Ross or I would stick our heads out the door, all those on the outside would run for the bushes! After a while the thing quieted down.

Somebody said, "Let's line them

**Sabbath Is Ceremonial, Not Moral Law**

A Reader Disagrees With Article In THE SWORD OF THE LORD on The Sabbath, And Is Answered By the Editor

Dear Brother S:

I am so sorry that your letter of May 26 has waited so long for an answer. I have weighed very carefully your reasons for believing that the Sabbath is a part of moral law and not ceremonial law. I give you my reactions to those reasons.

First, you mention that through the centuries most Christians have believed the fourth commandment a part of the moral law. In a sense, that is true, but actually, Christians generally have never kept the Sabbath nor ever seriously tried to keep it. The Ten Commandments state that the seventh day is the Sabbath, yet most Christians have never observed the seventh day, and the Bible never mentions anywhere that the day has been changed. Catholics say that they changed it. Some Christians say the Apostles must have done so, though there is no record of the change. Then, too, even the observance of the first day of the week has not been that of a Sabbath. Under the Sabbath, one was not allowed to pick up sticks (Num. 15:32), not allowed to have a fire in the house (Exo. 35:3), not allowed to go more than a Sabbath day's journey, a brief distance, if any at all (Acts 1:12). Christians have observed the first day of the week, which they call the Sabbath, principally by worship, yet worship was not even mentioned as a part of Sabbath-keeping here in the Ten Commandments or anywhere else in the Bible.

I say, actually through the centuries Christians have not treated the Sabbath as a part of the moral law. They have simply called the Lord's Day the Sabbath, and have kept the spirit of the Lord's Day and not the spirit of the Sabbath.

It is not Scriptural to speak of the first day of the week as the Sabbath, and those who keep the first day of the week are not keeping the Sabbath. They are keeping Sunday, a different day.

Second, you give examples to illustrate that since Christ com-

flickered and went out. Then one back yonder flickered and went out. Finally, about 11:00 o'clock the last one went out and nobody had noticed that others had gone out until we were left in darkness. Somebody went across the road and got more kerosene and filled up one of the lamps and we went on and people were saved. If Ross or I would stick our heads out the door, all those on the outside would run for the bushes! After a while the thing quieted down.

Somebody said, "Let's line them

up and count them and show that God answered prayer. So around the entire front of the building they stood, these new converts who found God that night.

One, two, three, four, five, six,

seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven,

twelve, and on—I didn't remember

how many were in that line until

I told this incident over the radio

one time, and I got a letter from

the first man who came out for

Christ that night, Mr. Jernigan.

He was indignant. This saved sinner said, "It is a funny thing you

didn't remember how many were

in that line that night. There

were twenty-three grown people!"

I tell you, my friend, I have seen

more people won to Christ than

that. Seventy were saved in one

day in Binghamton, New York, in

one of my meetings a year or so

ago, but, oh, God proved that night

that He is a God that can answer

by fire! We do not have any busi-

ness starting a revival anywhere

unless we expect God to speak to

hearts and make Himself real. God

answers prayer! God answers by

fire! Let us pray.

PRAYER: Our Heavenly Father,

we are unworthy. Yet Thou art the

one who loved us and gave Jesus

to die for us! We know Thou

canst give revivals! Take hold of

some of these Christians. Oh,

Lord, give a revival in my own

heart. I believe You will. People

are here who are lost tonight and

are going to Hell. Lord, show them

they are lost and that they must

repent or go to Hell. Show them

how to trust You tonight. Lord,

tonight, in thy mercy, have Your

way, and answer by fire! Amen.

(God gave a blessed revival.)

**A CHRISTIAN LANDMARKS**

By Dr. V. Raymond Edmunds  
Acting President, Wheaton College

For each of God's children there are "landmarks," places made sacred because in that place their extremity proved to be God's opportunity. King David had his hill Mizar, from which he had called upon Him Who answereth prayer; Habakkuk had his high tower, from which he could wait to see what the Lord would do; Jonah had his depths, from which he had been delivered; Jacob had his Jabbock from which he had limped a prince with God and men; Elijah had his Carmel, where prevailing prayer had turned heavens of brass into torrents of rain; Moses had his burning bush, from whose sacred precincts he had walked in abject humility to lead God's people from the iron furnace of Egypt; Saul of Tarsus had his gate of Damascus, to whose vision he had been obedient in face of fiercest foes; Simon Bar-Jona had his brazier of coals, from which he had turned in defeat to find repentance and restoration; and we add with awe, Jesus of Nazareth had his Jordan, in whose waters He had heard the voice of His Father, "This is my well-beloved Son," and had received the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost.

One "landmark" in the Word challenges my attention in particular, to be found in Joshua 4:6, where is recorded the question, "What mean ye by these stones?" The tribes of Israel had passed dry-shod over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, by the outstretched hand of God; and lest in time to come their children should forget such providences, a memorial was erected, consisting of a heap of stones on the bank and another heap in the midst of the river bed. The stones bore mute but also immutable testimony to generations unborn that God was in the midst of His people.

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seventh day, is the Sabbath.

May I remind you, that if the Sabbath (weekly) is for us, then, by the same process, we should be bound to observe the Sabbath of Years, every seventh year, with our ground lying fallow, and the Jubilee year, every fifty years (Lev. 25:8-24), since God makes no distinction whatsoever. The yearly Sabbath is commanded in the same passage as the weekly Sabbath (Lev. 25:1-7).

I am grateful for your kindly and well-reasoned letter, and I long to have the approval and reverence of every earnest man of God like yourself. I know you will feel free to write me again, and I shall weigh most prayerfully and humbly anything you may have to say. I know that I would love dearly anyone as kindly and earnest as yourself in the work of God. Please pray for me with my heavy burdens.

Your Brother in Christ,  
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## Blessed Revival At Hammond, Indiana

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night at the home church a revival broke out and there were four conversions and one backslider who came back to God! He felt that the conviction came largely from the services of the Pine Street Presbyterian revival.

Last night a middle-aged man claimed the Lord publicly and said to me: "The Lord has done for me just what He has done for so many other men. I was here in the service Sunday afternoon, I was here again last night, and this afternoon about 6:30 the Lord found me in my kitchen!" He was certainly gloriously happy.

Last night (Monday night) the Lord very evidently and manifestly moved on the congregation that filled the building. When we bowed our heads to pray after the sermon on *Four Fools*, (including the rich fool who died neglecting his salvation), and asked all who were convinced it was a fool's part to neglect salvation and wanted to be saved to raise their hands, five held their hands for prayer. After prayer I asked those who would take Christ as Saviour at once to stand, and immediately there were four who stood. Altogether in the service there were seven professions, all outright conversions, three of them of married men (including the man saved in his kitchen a couple of hours before). Only one was a child.

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## Conversions Through Booklets and Radio

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"Yours sincerely,  
(Signed) "Edward W. Kostelney"  
Here I am in Chicago and his letter was addressed to Dallas and then forwarded by my secretary there to me.

Notice that this young man seventeen years old first trusted Christ, accepting His plain Word that he would have everlasting life. Then he had the joy and assurance of the Holy Spirit that he was saved, when he came out openly to confess Christ. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10). One believes in the heart and gets saved. One confesses with the mouth and gets assurance. Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32).

Today following the noon-day meeting, Brother O. D. Odegard, Pastor of Marquette Manor Baptist Church, told me that our young brother came to him in his study Sunday morning to tell of his salvation and that he could hardly wait to let it be known to others. Sunday night he gave a ringing testimony to his faith in Christ before the congregation.

If you want some copies of this booklet, "What Must I Do To Be Saved," sixteen pages, you may have them free if you will use them prayerfully and carefully. Write for them to John R. Rice, 201 East Tenth Street, Dallas, Texas.

### Radio Messages Helped Convert Tavern Keeper and Wife And Closed Tavern

From Kankakee, Illinois, Rev. J. Stuart Hydanus wrote to ask the editor for a two weeks' revival engagement. The following paragraph in his letter will rejoice your heart:

"A number of the people here listen to your radio broadcasts. It might interest you to know that Mr. and Mrs. C—B—, the owners and keepers of a tavern here were converted largely through listening to your broadcasts. They turned the tavern into a garage and body shop and are regular attendants at our tabernacle."

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At Terre Haute, Indiana, the editor broadcast thirteen messages on WBOW. He also has an invitation from Brother Zehr of Bloomington, Illinois, for a revival in connection with his fourth annual radio rally there with daily radio program. Thus along with revivals, we thank God for the opportunity to preach over many radio stations. The reader is invited to pray that God will bless this radio ministry to the saving of many souls and the strengthening of Christians.

### "Rebellious Wives and Slacker Husbands" Booklet Blesses Another Home

From Baird, Texas, comes this comment about how the little pamphlet, *Rebellious Wives and Slacker Husbands* has been used of God.

"I received the books all o.k. and find enclosed a dollar bill to pay for same. I gave *Rebellious Wives and Slacker Husbands* to a man whose home was broken up by booze. He read it and asked me to give the book to him which I did gladly. He said after reading the book that he was to blame for his home being wrecked and ruined, and that he was right with God and was praying that God would give him power to overcome

## Prayers Answered After 11½ Years

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I paid two dollars for two stiches in the forehead of a girl who was riding with us and who butted her head through the windshield. I had gotten twenty-eight dollars for the revival, I recall. But I have always felt that the devil got the worst of the bargain, and both Mrs. Rice and I look back with great happiness to the wonderful blessings when many, many souls were saved in that country community and a church was revived and took up business for the Lord again after it had been inactive.

But there were other blessed results. As we went from house to house doing personal work, we earnestly tried again and again to win one young woman to the Lord. We prayed about her with many tears, and when she would not surrender, we asked her to promise to let us know when she was saved.

The following letter comes from that dear young woman, now a happy Christian, which shows that prayer was answered after eleven and a half years. And now, thirteen years later, we get to rejoice! "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).

Read the letter and be encouraged to win souls and pray.

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"Rev. John R. Rice  
Dallas, Texas

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I'm sure you won't remember me. Nevertheless, it gives

the strong temptation for drink. Amen! God will. Husbands and wives will read this little book in preference to other books. I thank God for this man and give God all the glory. I believe I could use four dozen of these books but I have no cash to send you at the present time, but I may later on by making a sacrifice. I have done it before and can again. I am three score and ten and never have begged for bread, thank God . . ."

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"I am glad to know that you folks are still doing a great work for our Lord and trust that you will remember us always in your prayers. Should your work ever bring you into Oklahoma, we would rejoice to see you again. May God lead you and bless you in His work.

"Sincerely yours,

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